

Chancellor Gallego is a positive role model for young people within the Latino community and beyond who are unsure about pursuing post-secondary education. The story of Augie's decision to go to college is inspirational. As a young man, Chancellor Gallego found work digging ditches. One day while digging, he looked up and noticed college students nearby. That moment served as an epiphany; Augie realized he did not have to dig ditches for a living. He decided to attend college.

Chancellor Gallego truly embodies the mission of the San Diego Community College District of providing an accessible, high quality learning experience that responds to the unique needs of local communities and student populations. In his capacity as chief executive officer of one of the largest community college districts in the United States, he led the development of numerous innovative programs, including public and private partnerships to more effectively and efficiently serve students and the community. Among his many accomplishments, Chancellor Gallego has facilitated community college transfer to California's four-year public colleges, and developed opportunities for students to intern and work at local businesses.

All of Chancellor Gallego's endeavors show a profound appreciation, understanding, and passion for community colleges and their role in the economic development, work force training, and education of a community. He respects the unique backgrounds and needs that each student brings to the classroom. The diverse community college population includes "breakthrough students" who are the first in their family to go to college, nontraditional students returning to school to obtain skills to help them either re-enter or advance in the labor market and students experiencing financial hardship. Community colleges represent hope and provide opportunities for many in San Diego County. Chancellor Gallego has helped turn those hopes into reality for thousands of San Diegans.

A vocal advocate for students, Chancellor Gallego has brought attention to the impact of California's education budget reductions. Funding decreases translate into increased class size, fewer classes, less financial assistance and, ultimately, lost potential for the community.

As Hispanic Heritage Month draws to a close, I am proud to recognize Chancellor Augustine Gallego's steadfast commitment to improving the quality of education. Through his service in the San Diego Community College District, he has opened the doors of opportunity to a generation of students.

CAPTAIN DURWARD LANG: 50  
YEARS OF REMARKABLE SERVICE

**HON. THOMAS H. ALLEN**

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, October 15, 2003*

Mr. ALLEN. Mr. Speaker, in August, 2003, Durward Lang retired as the Captain of the Fire Department of Buxton, Maine. Captain Lang's extraordinary service to the town began a half a century ago. He has held every rank from firefighter to Chief, and has been instrumental in many of the department's pro-

gressive changes. His contributions are remarkable in many respects, and reflect the can-do spirit of a man who has given his all to his community.

For example, Durward purchased a used ladder truck on his own, refurbished it in his garage, and gave it to the Town of Buxton for \$1. Not to be deterred, when the truck failed to pass inspection in 2000, he served on the committee formed to purchase another ladder truck.

Durward and his wife, Janet, also started the town's emergency dispatch service in their kitchen. They hired people to man the phone 24 hours a day. The service is now the 911 center for the Town. The Langs also ran the town rescue service together, spending many days and nights helping residents in trouble.

Fortunately, Durward has been persuaded to remain in service. Since his retirement as captain, he has served as a fire truck driver. I join the people of Buxton in thanking Durward and Janet Lang for their countless hours of service, and the model of civic involvement that they have established for all to emulate.

#### RECOGNIZING TAIWAN'S 92ND NATIONAL DAY

**HON. MAURICE D. HINCHEY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, October 15, 2003*

Mr. HINCHEY. Mr. Speaker, as a longtime supporter and proud member of the Taiwan Caucus, I would like to recognize and congratulate Taiwan on its 92nd National Day, which it celebrated on October 10, 2003. Taiwan has made many significant accomplishments during its brief history. It is a true friend to the U.S., and one of our major trading partners.

Taiwan is one of the largest export markets for many U.S. states, including New York. With a population of 23 million, the island of Taiwan is the world's 12th largest economy and our eighth largest trading partner. These economic ties have strengthened our bilateral relationship.

Taiwan is a thriving democracy, supportive of political freedoms and human rights. Its constitution guarantees citizens freedom of assembly, expression and association, freedom of religion, and freedom of the press. Taiwan conducts free and fair elections, and is home to more than 90 political parties.

I applaud Taiwan's commitment to upholding the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the International Covenant of Civil and Political Rights, and the Declaration and Action Program of the 1993 Vienna Conference on Human Rights. I thank Taiwan for providing humanitarian assistance to Afghan refugees, and for its generous contributions to the International Community. I fully support Taiwan's efforts to rejoin the United Nations and join the World Health Organization.

As we celebrate Taiwan's 92nd National Day, we recognize the strong relationship between our countries and commit ourselves to see this relationship continue to flourish and grow in the years to come.

#### DEFENSE PRODUCTION REAUTHORIZATION ACT

**HON. RON PAUL**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, October 15, 2003*

Mr. PAUL. Mr. Speaker, no one questions the need for the Federal Government to obtain the necessary resources to fill its constitutional role of providing for the common defense. However, the federal government must fulfill this duty in a manner that does not conflict in any way with the Constitution or endanger republican government. The Defense Production Reauthorization Act (DPA), which gives almost unchecked power to the executive to interfere in the economy in the name of "national security," fails both of these standards. In fact, when I inquired at the sole hearing the House Financial Services Committee held on this issue as to which section of the Constitution authorized such sweeping grants of power to the Executive, I was greeted by silence from the "expert" witnesses!

Under this bill, the President is given authority to void private contracts in order to ensure that federal defense priorities, as determined by the executive, are met. The only limitation on the President's judgment is a requirement that he submits a series of "findings" to Congress. The Executive also has what appears to be unchecked authority to use financial incentives such as loan guarantees, direct loans, and purchase guarantees to ensure production of items he determines are in the national interest.

Congress appears to have no ability to perform any real oversight of a Presidential action under the DPA. In fact, my office has been informed by the Congressional Research Service that past Presidents may have invoked the DPA without even submitting the required findings to Congress!

The wide grant of unchecked power to the Executive runs counter to the intent of the drafters of the Constitution. The Founders carefully limited the executive power because they recognized that an executive with unfettered power was a threat to liberty. In recent years we have seen administrations of both parties undermine the Constitutional separation of powers via enhanced reliance on executive orders and unilateral decision-making. The Defense Production Reauthorization Act provides Constitutional blessing to this usurpation of power, and not just in areas clearly related to national defense. For example, the DPA has been used to justify federal interference in the energy market. It is an open question what other exercise of federal power could be justified as related to defense. For example, federal education programs have been justified on the grounds that an educated population is vital to national defense, so perhaps a future president will use DPA to impose a national curriculum!

I am also concerned that this bill violates the Fifth Amendment's takings clause. In particular, DPA allows the government to seize private property by interfering with the performance of private contracts in order to give priority to military production. This action reduces the value of the affected parties' proprietary interests, and thus is a taking, requiring the government to provide just compensation to the affected party. The Fifth Amendment intends to assure that the government does not